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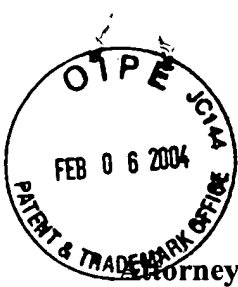
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Pursuant TO 37 C.F.R §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. A copy of each document listed is additionally attached. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Official Action on the merits of the above-referenced application.

The documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and included herewith are:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
5,715,481	March 3, 1998	Akio Ohmiya
6,031,997	February 29, 2000	Akio Ohmiya
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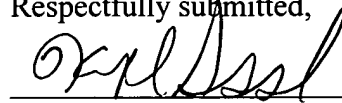
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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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